

## **REMARKS**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 17-21.

Claims 1-7, 10 and 14 are cancelled. Claims 8-9, 11-13 and 15-16 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 8-9, 11-13, 15-21 remain pending.

Claims 4, 6, 12, 15-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-9, 11 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Senturia. Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakano.

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended claims 8-9, 11-13 and 15-16 depend from allowed claim 17 and are believed to be allowable.

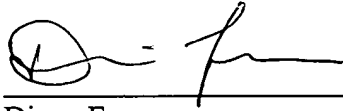
With respect to claim 15, the amended claim recites a method further comprising monitoring the oscillating signal. As such, it is believed that claim 15 meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and is allowable.

With respect to claim 16, the amended claim recites a method comprising monitoring the oscillating signal and restarting the oscillator if it is determined that the output has ceased to oscillate. Support for the claim may be found, for example, in Figure 3 and lines 7:16-9:18, and 10:4-10:7. As such, it is believed that claim 16 meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and is allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet of Figure 1. The replacement sheet is designated by a legend stating "Prior Art".

## **INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR §1.133 AND MPEP §713.04**

A telephonic interview in the above-referenced case was conducted on May 17, 2005 between the Examiner and the Applicants' undersigned representative. The Office Action mailed on April 19, 2005 was discussed. Specifically, the Applicant's undersigned representative proposed to amend claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 16 to depend from allowed claim 17 to place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time and attention in this case.